

# The Barbless Hook



## November 2017

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*Editor: Tom Vargas*

### President's Message - Roger Perry

Greetings TVFF's

I had an opportunity to fish a new location and use a new technique recently. I was fortunate enough to take advantage of one of our club led fishing outings. Dennis Rankin was fishmeister for a Pyramid Lake trip. Unfortunately, Dennis had a family emergency and wasn't able to participate in the trip he was kind enough to set up. My "fishing buddy" for this outing was a relatively new member of our club, Alan Wyosnick. We arrived early (about 6:30) Sat (10/21/17) morning and met up with our guide for the day, Casey Anderson. After taking care of a few things, we headed for the water. It was a beautiful day out there in the Nevada desert, and by the time we hit the water (around 8:00) the temp was up to the low 40s. Most of us are at least vaguely familiar with the ladder technique they use up there, but that's not what we did. We spent the day on the shore, either completely out of the water, or shallow wading. By late morning the temp was in the mid 50s.

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*Picture:  
Bob McCollum with a nice San Luis Striper in the 5 pound range.*

*Remember to send your fishing pictures to the editor!*

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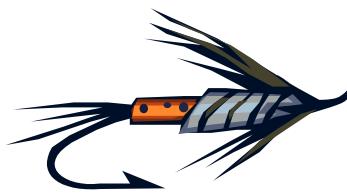


A beautiful day at Pyramid Lake with my partner for the day, Alan Wyosnick, a relatively new member of our club.

The new technique I mentioned was a two-handed rod. Neither Alan or myself had ever used one, and we both spent the day not only experimenting with pretty decent roll casts, but actually catching some pretty nice fish. We were using 11 foot 7 wt. rods. I caught at least 10 Lahontan Cutthroats, and I know Alan had to have netted 15 to 20 fish.

Although the fish we caught weren't the 20lb monsters Pyramid is known for, they did range from about 14 in. to about 22-24 inches and up to about 5 lbs.

Roger



**2017 TVFF  
Speakers Program  
"At A Glance"**

**November:**

***Ken Hanley  
Bass Fishing***

**December:**  
***Election***

***Brian Endlich  
will be speaking  
on 2-handed  
rods***

**January:**  
***Annual Pizza  
and Fly Tying  
Expo***

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## **Dues Notice**

Annual dues are now due and payable and are \$40 if paid before the February 2018 meeting. \$45 after.

*Tom Fessenden*

The club's mailing address is:  
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Livermore, CA 94551

# OUTINGS AND EVENTS-NOVEMBER, 2017

Hal Wilson

## DATES      LOCATION      FISCHMEISTER

NOVEMBER 31-DEC 1      TRINITY RIVER STEELHEAD      GARY PRINCE

Gary just announced on October 31<sup>st</sup> that there is one opening for this trip!!

DECEMBER 9      DELTA STRIPERS      TOM VARGAS

MARCH 22-23      PYRAMID LAKE      BOB MC COLLUM

Hey, folks

*We need more fishing trips if we want to call ourselves a fishing club. Don't be shy –become a FISCHMEISTER - tell other club members about your favorite water.*

*Pick a place, pick a date –we'll get it into the newsletter.*

# Delta Stripper Outing

December 9, 2017

Tom Vargas

As TVFF Fishmaster I will lead the stripper outing on Saturday, December 10th. This is a great opportunity to experience hard pulling, double digit freshwater fish on fly gear. We will fish the Southern bays of Discovery Bay and plan to launch out of Orwood Resort by 7:00AM. You should arrive at least ½ hour earlier in order to set up and get your boat in the water. We will head South about one mile to the Kellogg Creek entrance of Discovery Bay. This is an all-safe 5 mph area and it works well for both small and larger size watercraft. The outing will take place in rain or shine, but plan on a cold morning and the possibility of morning fog for a few hours.

A boat is required to participate in this trip. Boaters and non-boaters will need to make arrangements and get paired up before the outing.

Equipment: 8, 9 or 10 wt. rods with Hi-Speed / High Density shooting heads. Lead core heads, Teeny 300-400, Rio Outbound or SA Custom Tip Express lines trimmed to match the rod all work well. The integrated style lines and tungsten heads are easier to cast than lead core. Your leader is simply 5-6 ft of 15 - 20 lb mono (Maxima). Flies that simulate baitfish patterns such as 3-5 inch Clouser Minnows, Flashtail Whistlers, Deceivers, etc. work well. The 2/0 chartreuse and white Clouser is a standard. Take a look at Dan Blanton's Board for what is currently happening.

We will provide more information as we get closer to the outing and we can get more specific as the stripers keep moving in, which usually starts around mid to late October. It is looking like a good season this year with lots of early stripers being caught out in the Western Delta!



12 pound Delta stripers from 2015.  
These fish are great fun on a fly rod.



Dan Blanton's favorite Flashtail  
Clouser (bottom) and Whistler flies.

# **Spring Pyramid Lake Outing**

## **March 22-23, 2018**

Bob McCollum

The 2018 Pyramid Lake Spring Outing is set for March 22-23. This will be prime time for big spring fish (see picture from last year). This will be a guided outing with Rob Anderson (our speaker at June meeting). We will be fishing from step ladders. Rob provides terminal tackle, ladders as well as breakfast and lunch along with expert knowledge and instruction. You need two rigs to fish Pyramid from the ladders: a 7 wt. with floating line for indicator nymph fishing and an 8 wt. with fast sinking integrated shooting head (~325 gr.) for stripping wooly buggers and beetles.

Cost for the two day guide fee is \$200 per angler, plus tip. Lodging, dinner, etc. not included. (Note: I will be collecting the entire guide fee in advance as a deposit to hold your spot. I will refund deposits for cancellations if our group is above the minimum group size – six anglers – or if we find another club member to take your spot. Maximum group size is 12 anglers.)

Pyramid is a bucket list experience. Fishing from ladders with a group is a very social experience and a lot of fun. If you've never tried it, consider signing up and giving it a go. I will put the signup sheet out at the October meeting.





## October Program

# Ken Hanley on Bass

Ken Hanley is our guest speaker for the Nov. 2 meeting. Anyone who has ever heard his presentation have never been disappointed. Ken's presentations are informative, enthusiastic and entertaining.

Ken has authored seven books, three DVD's including Bass Blast. In 2005 he was inducted into the NCC/FFF Hall of Fame. Ken grew up in the Bay Area and has fished the Sierra's, The Valley, the Pacific coast as well as Asia, Europe, North America and Mexico.

He is an acclaimed bass expert. Largemouth Bass fishing is in our own backyard so bring your note book and be prepared for a great evening.



**Ken Hanley at  
Lakes Mateo and  
El Salto, Mexico**

Brian O'Keefe Photography

## Fly Tiers Library and Trading Post (LTP)

Most fly tiers, like me, have materials which would probably last several life-times. Often, to tie a new fly, we need a small amount of material which means buying some from the net, which may arrive next week, or jumping in the car for an hour+ drive to a fly shop in the area.



To remedy this, we are creating the LTP. The LTP has 2 resources: the Library for getting small amounts of material (a couple of feathers, small swatch of hair, etc.) and the Trading Post for exchanging your excess with others. Here are the details of how it will work. Both the library and Trading Post are only available to members.

Library: The library will be supported by donations of fly tying material from members. The material will be packaged in gallon sized zip locks with colored labels about the contents. Any member may take a small amount of material for a project and make a modest donation (\$1 min). The donations will be used to buy supplies and, if any is left over, other material for the library.

Trading Post: The trading post allows members to exchange excess tying material for other material. Any member may submit a gallon sized zip-lock bag with the material along with a very brief description to Jim Broadbent. Jim will assess a point value to the material based on his experience (Jim's decision is final). The material will be labeled with a different colored label than the library. Members may exchange their points for material in the trading post.

Martin Plotkin will arrange for the LTP to show up at all general, board and fly tying meetings. It can also be accessed by special arrangement made with Martin.

LTP kicks-off, at the meeting, on Thursdays so bring your Trades and Donations.

## Member Reports

### October– San Luis reservoir: Bob McCollum

Don and I hit San Luis yesterday. Tough fishing but came up with 5 fish. Four were pretty nice in 22-25 inch range. Hard fighters.



Check out the Tri Valley Fly Fishers Facebook page for more reports and fish porn!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/TriValleyFF/>

## TVFF FISHING IN BELIZE

*Martin Plotkin,*

Jim Broadbent, Rob Fletcher, Steve Johnson, Daniel Kitts, Marty Loomis and I fished in Belize for a week. On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> we arrived at Belize River Lodge located on the river between the main airport and Belize City. The plan was to spend the first night at the lodge then to fish our way out to Long Caye, an island about 15 miles off-shore where we would spend the next 4 nights, returning to the lodge for the last 2.

Everything followed plan up until we arrived at Long Caye. After dinner the first night Pedro, the main guide, informed us that tropical storm Nate would probably turn into a hurricane, was headed our way and we would evacuate the island at 5AM the next morning. Before first light, by the light of a full moon we left Long Caye for the trip back to the lodge. The water was reasonably calm and the sun rise was muted by the cloud banks in the East. Breakfast was served shortly after arrival and we discussed our revised plan, to spend the night at the lodge and the next day, after the storm passed, return to the island. The rest of the trip passed as expected.

Everyone had a great time. The fishing was OK but as always we wished it could have been better.

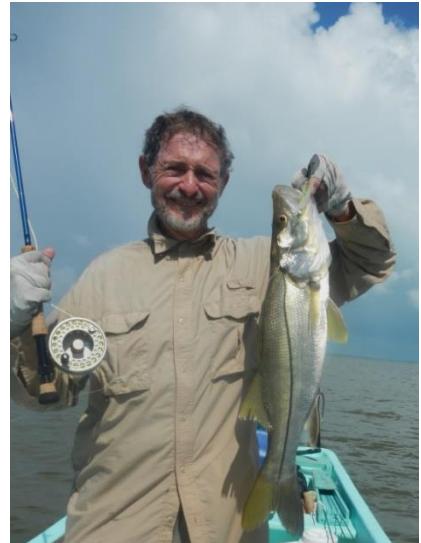




Rob and Bonefish



Jim and Permit



Martin and Snook



Daniel and Bonefish



Steve and Snook



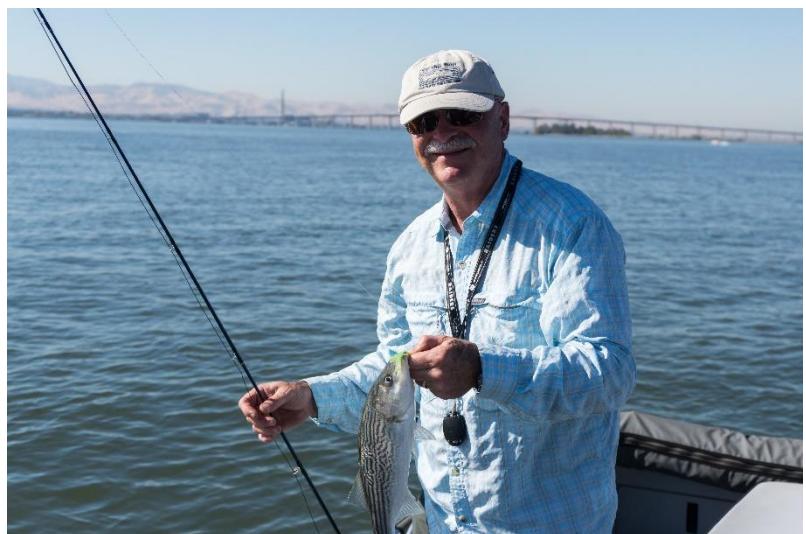
Marty and Tarpon

## **Delta Stripper Outing**

### **Tom Vargas**

Dan and I headed out for the first time this year on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful day on the water and we explored from Discovery Bay to Sherman Island. We did locate a few fish and I would say it was a relatively quiet day on the water with not a lot of fly fisherman to be seen. We connected on a few fish and did see a friend who fishes with conventional gear near Discovery Bay. He landed two in the 10 pound range that morning and he has a friend who caught 2 similar sized fish in the back bays in the development. The fishing is definitely getting going!

We also saw a guide trolling the main Kellogg Creek area and targeting Salmon. We saw him land a fish that was bright and about 10 pounds too. We later heard while we were pulling out that he had limited with his customers. You never know what you might catch in Discovery Bay!



## **Education Update – Kent McCammon**

We had 6 members attend Gary Turri's 'Back to Basics' Casting instruction on Saturday Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. All enjoyed the instruction and learned from the session. We are organizing another 'Back to Basics' with Gary on Saturday December 16, starting at 9:30 am for 2.5 hours. The location is again, the San Ramon Central Park. A signup sheet will be at the Nov and Dec Meetings. We can continue with other skills courses into 2018 in this format and encourage you to list your interests, such as Double haul, slack line casts, aerial mends, single handed Spey, etc.

Also, Gary Turri and other Club members instruct at Golden Gate Anglers facility in Golden Gate Park at 9:30 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month. If anyone wants to go and wants to share a ride, they can announce to Club members. Be sure to check the online Calendar as on occasion they are not held. Typically a free hot dog lunch is provided.

<http://www.ggacc.org/page-18126>

The Fundamentals of Flyfishing Course is returning in late Feb/early March. This is a 3 part Course structured for those new to Flyfishing. Here is the latest information as we finalize. Two classroom sessions and one hands-on casting session are included. The classes are held Tues or Wed nights that run 7-9 pm in the evening in Livermore. The hands-on Casting is going to be furnished by Gary Turri and tentative date is either March 3<sup>rd</sup> or March 17<sup>th</sup> in San Ramon Central Park. We will have an interest list with more information at the meetings. We will look for at least 8 and max of 12 paid students again in 2018.



# The Tier's Bench:

Jim Broadbent-

## Get Together

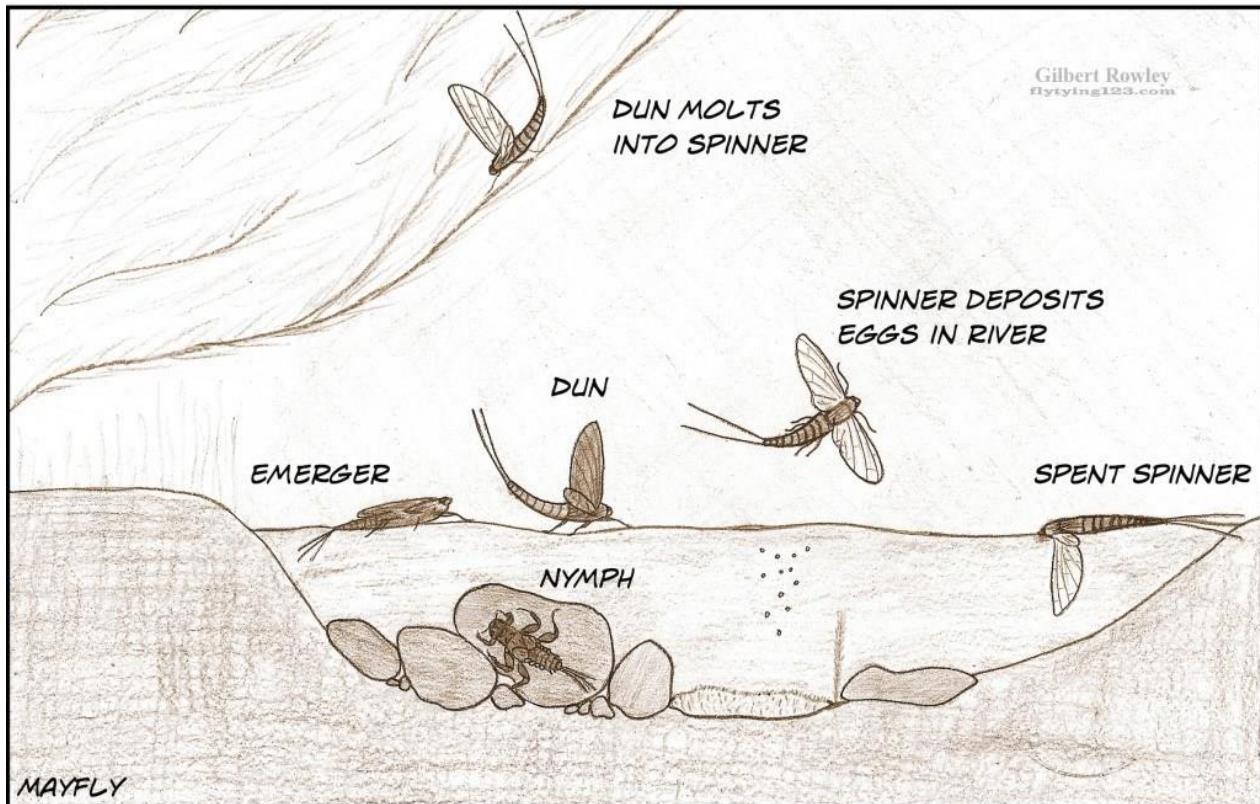
Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 9 pm

Rod and Gun Club ; small room next to the BBQ area

This month we will revisit May Fly patterns looking at proportions, materials and patterns for nymphs, both emerged and dun stages. We will explore Tips and tricks.

If you have a favorite pattern or productive may fly you like, please bring one in to share.

This years presidential shadowbox will have a may fly theme so start working on your best imitation (nymph, emerger or dry). I will need all the flies by the Jan meeting.



## Items For Sale

• **10' 7 wt. Reddington CPX model 1074, 4 piece fly rod**  
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**Joe Cerniglia**

email [sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sawmilllake@sbcglobal.net)

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**Rio** Grand WF7F, new in box \$40.00

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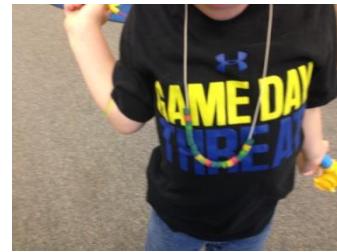
## Don't Throw Away Your Old Fly Lines, Recycle Them

I am a Preschool Special Ed teacher and the floating fly line comes in handy for many projects that preschool children make: necklaces, lacing, hanging art, fishing poles.....I would be happy to collect it and give it away to other preschool teachers.

Dave or I attend the meetings pretty regularly; we could have the members bring it to the meetings?

Thanks for the consideration.

-Cathy Hiromoto



We meet at the Livermore/Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club (directions below) on the first Thursday of every month except July and August at 7:00 PM.

**Directions to**  
Livermore/Pleasanton Rod  
and Gun Club: 4000 Dagnino  
Road, Livermore, California.

Exit Highway 580 on North  
Livermore Avenue

Proceed North on North  
Livermore Avenue to May  
School Road (~2.5 miles).

Turn right onto May School  
Road and proceed to stop  
sign at intersection with  
Dagnino Road (~1 mile).

Entrance to Rod and Gun  
Club is directly across  
intersection

